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GREEN FLAGS

Artisans mould clay and play with paper-mâché to create eco-friendly alternatives to celebrate Ganesha with grandeur

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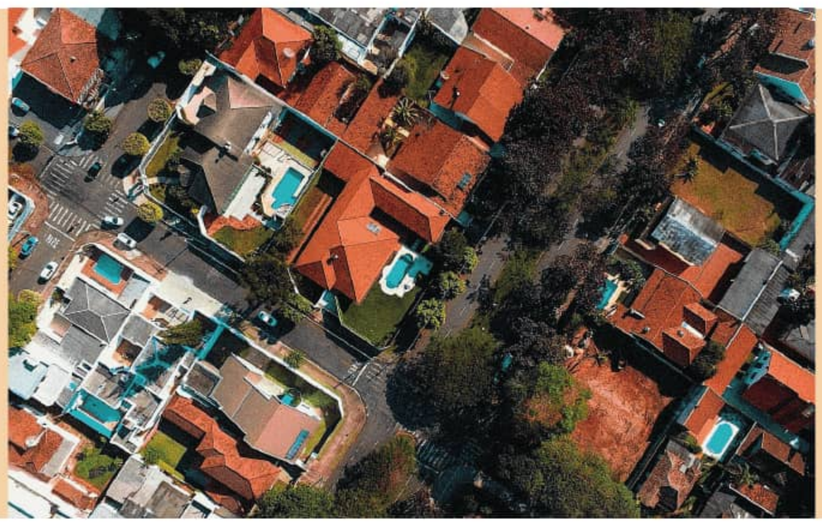

STOP FLEECE

Property owners aghast by exorbitant khata transfer fee fixed by Bangalore Development Authority, say authority did not follow norms

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62 cases booked under Arms Act with focus only on machetes/dragon knives prove that 2017 ban not curbing use of these weapons that figure in reels, birthday celebrations and violent confrontations

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

No wonder, data on B'luru crime rates shows over 50% of residents concerned about being attacked

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Despite strict action, machetes remain easily available everywhere, featuring prominently in violent assaults to viral birthday parties.

Used to cut birthday cakes, create reels and threaten people, dragon knives continue to create fear among the public. According to Bengluru police data, in seven months, 62 cases have been booked under Arms Act focusing only on the use of machetes/ dragon knives, raising concern about the usage of dangerous weapons, especially among the youth.

As per Numbeo's data on crime rates in Bengaluru over the past five years, around 52.89% of city residents express concern about being attacked. Adding to this anxiety, these sharp, appealing and easy to get machetes have become the latest headache. Once traditionally linked to domestic chores, agriculture, and gardening, these blades are

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"We are very particular about incidents involving dragon knives, machetes, or any weapon capable of causing harm. Merely carrying them is illegal, and using or threatening others with them is also a punishable offence —Seemanth Kumar Singh, City Police Commissioner

Narcos on campus

13 cases of drug sales near colleges and seizure of 27 kg of contraband in 2025

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Bengaluru's college neighbourhoods are facing an alarming challenge: narcotics, including Ganja, MDMA, and other drugs, are being sold dangerously close to educational institutions. With students potentially exposed to addictive substances, the question arises—are our students truly safe in their academic spaces?

The Karnataka Legislative Assembly recently received data highlighting the scale of the problem over the past three years. In 2023, authorities recorded 43 cases of drug sales near colleges, resulting in 51 arrests and seizure of 89.047 kilograms of narcotics. Surprisingly, while the number of cases dropped to 28 in 2024, the quantity of confiscated drugs surged to 153.272 kilograms — a near 72% increase — indicating that drug dealers may be moving larger volumes despite fewer incidents. As of 2025, 13 cases have been reported, with 16 arrests and 27.038 kilograms of narcotics seized, showing a decline in both cases and volume compared to 2024.

A senior police official said, "These statistics reveal a troubling reality: Areas surrounding colleges are becoming hotspots for drug trafficking. Even a single peddler in close proximity to students can have wide-reaching consequences, normalising drug use and exposing young adults to serious health and social risks. The presence of substances like Ganja and MDMA near

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THINGS TO DO

01 Kathakali showcase

TNGMA Bengaluru presents two enchanting evenings of classical Kathakali and Kodava folk dance, featuring skilled performers, vibrant storytelling, and traditional rhythms, celebrating India's rich cultural heritage.
Where: Auditorium, National Gallery of Modern Art
When: 29th & 30th August, 7 pm

02 Comedy illusion

Enjoy SmaranniK stages Drishtikanya, a comedy of illusions inspired by Daphne du Maurier's The Blue Lenses, directed by Sayandeb Bhattacharya. Staged in Bengali with English surtitles.
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar 2nd Phase
When: August 30, 3.30 pm & 7.30 pm

03 Rhythm fiesta

Catch Ivan Singh, the Latin blues maestro, blending funk, soul, and Spanglish rhythms with his fiery band for a genre-defying show.
Where: Windmills Craftworks
When: August 29 & 30

04 Harvest harmony

Celebrate Onam with a traditional Kerala Sadhya at Dakshin, ITC Windsor, featuring a curated spread of classic dishes like Avial, Erissery, Murungakai Sambar, paired with delightful desserts for a complete festive feast.
Where: Dakshin, ITC Windsor
When: September 5, 12 pm – 2 pm & 2 pm – 4 pm

05 Living mythologies

Explore nearly 100 works by Seema Kohli spanning four decades, featuring paintings, sculptures, and performances reimagining the feminine divine and Indian cosmology. Curated by Darshan Kumar YU.
Where: National Gallery of Modern Art
When: August 26 – September 28, 10 am– 6 pm

Eco-friendly paper Ganeshas dominate this festive season

Artisans turn to paper-mâché and clay, offering alternatives that celebrate Ganesha with grandeur while eliminating long-term environmental damage

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With just a month remaining for the Gauri-Ganesha festival, eco-friendly paper Ganesha idols have entered markets, attracting eco-conscious buyers as well as public organisers.

Surge in demand for paper Ganeshas

With the ban on Plaster of Paris (POP) idols, artisans and devotees are shifting to eco-friendly paper Ganesha idols. This year, demand for these lightweight and biodegradable idols has risen sharply. Public festival committees, cultural groups, and temples usually prefer large idols, but heavy clay models pose logistical challenges. Paper idols, light and easy to transport, are proving a practical alternative. Their eco-friendly nature makes them the preferred choice for both private households and community celebrations this festive season.

Safe for water bodies and fish

"Paper Ganeshas are crafted using paper-mâché, mainly wood pulp and paper, and dissolve easily in water without polluting. They can even serve as food for fish," explained M Srinivas, owner of Vinayaka & Co. on RV Road, Chikkamavalli. Large paper idols, eight to ten feet, cost around 20,000. Festival committees often install one big idol with a smaller clay idol to reduce environmental impact.

Eco-awareness driving clay idol sales too

Growing awareness about water pollution caused by chemical-based idols has also led to a renewed interest in traditional clay Ganeshas.

How are paper idols made?

On RV Road and other parts of the city, artisans are busy crafting paper idols using a simple but eco-conscious method. Wood pulp is boiled and blended with soaked newspaper paste. Chalk powder is added to improve consistency. Each part — the face, ears, and eyes — is carefully moulded before drying in the sun.

Variety of designs to choose

From Odisha-style idols to Mumbai's famous Lalbaugcha Raja, and Puducherry's "Stone Ganesha" to eco-friendly clay Ganesh idols. The variety is vast. These idols are being brought in from places like Puducherry, Villupuram, Krishnagiri, Mumbai, Kolhapur, Kolkata, and Hyderabad — while many are now crafted locally. Popular Gauri idols such as Gajagauri, Mangalagauri, Mysuru Gauri, Bengaluru Gauri are also being made and sold in areas like Kumbalgod, RV Road, Tannery Road, Shivajinagar, Banaswadi, Ulsoor, Malleswaram, and Yeshwanthpur.

Exporting clay idols to the US

"Many Kannada associations in the US place orders every year. This year too, around 3,000 clay idols — each about 9 to 10 inches tall — have been shipped to New York," said M Srinivas of Vinayaka & Co.

POP idols only for rent, not for sale

"We have stopped selling Plaster of Paris idols due to their environmental hazards. However, we rent them out for public festivals at 10,000 per day," said another idol maker, emphasising the shift toward more sustainable celebrations.

Large eight-foot eco-idols being transported from workshop to city pandals

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> –Idol maker

Festival DJ use allowed within sound limits

Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi clarified that there is no ban on DJ use during Ganesh Chaturthi and that it will be allowed strictly in line with government and court guidelines on permissible decibel levels. He accused the BJP of misleading people by spreading false claims of a ban. Tangadagi added that just as Congress trusted youth by granting voting rights at 18, it cannot impose an outright prohibition on their festive celebrations but will ensure adherence to noise regulations.

No big price hike in pulses ahead of Gowri-Ganesha festival

Consumers can rejoice as pulses, rice, and daily essentials remain stable ahead of the Gowri-Ganesha festival. Yeshwanthpur APMC traders confirm no price hike this year, unlike previous years when festive demand drove costs up. Tur dal, urad dal, and steam rice saw earlier sharp spikes, but prices eased last month and have since stabilised. Favorable rainfall, filled reservoirs, and expected good harvests have boosted supply, keeping rates steady. Minor price fluctuations exist in some rice variants, but most essentials maintain last month's prices. This stability helps households prepare traditional dishes like kadubu and modaka without straining budgets.

BBMP employees seek safeguards in transition

With the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) set to be implemented within a week, incorporating five new municipal corporations, the BBMP Officers and Employees' Welfare Association appealed to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, and the Urban Development Department to protect staff interests. Association president A Amruth Raj stressed in letter that all existing BBMP service and recruitment rules should be retained under GBA's framework to ensure officers and employees are not denied promotions. The association proposed reserving 60% of deputy commissioner posts for municipal officers, with 40% allotted through deputation from KAS/IAS. It also demanded that all assistant commissioner posts be reserved for municipal officers and called for creating an Additional Commissioner (Revenue) post for promotion of joint commissioners, along with preserving promotion-based recruitment for assistant revenue inspector positions. **–BMB**

Seat increase to support merit applicants in NMC

The National Medical Commission has approved nearly 400 additional MBBS seats to be included in the upcoming second round of counselling. The Medical Counselling Committee has allowed these seats to be added, and a formal letter has been issued. The Karnataka Examination Authority has tentatively scheduled the second round of seat allotments for August 29. Although earlier proposals from several medical colleges, including Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute, for increased intake were denied, about half of those requests are expected to be cleared now. Last year, Karnataka had 12,395 MBBS seats, with 8,321 filled in round one and only 942 left for round two. The new seats will provide significant opportunities, especially for meritorious students from economically weaker sections. **–BMB**

BBMP identifies animal cremation locations

To address the long-pending demand for dignified cremation of deceased pets and stray animals, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has identified nine locations across its eight zones. Currently, the only dedicated crematorium at Sumanahalli has remained non-functional for months, causing concern among citizens and pet lovers.

Until new zone-wise crematoriums are built, BBMP has made temporary arrangements: Kalalli and Shantinagar cemeteries in the East, Harishchandra Ghat in the West, Wilson Garden, Goraguntepalya in RR Nagar, vacant BBMP land behind the ABC Centre at Dasarahalli's Shettihalli Circle, Pillaganahalli in Bommanahalli, the ABC Centre at Medi Agrahara in Yelahanka, and Panathur in Mahadevapura. Officials stated the initiative will ensure proper facilities until permanent animal crematoriums come up across the zones. **–BMB**

KSRTC officers accused of bribery

Two women officers of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) have been accused of collecting money from transport employees through digital payment platforms.

According to the complaint, Assistant Traffic Inspector (ATI) Sangeetha BA and Assistant Traffic Superintendent (ATS) Swapna A posted in Unit 01 of Bangalore Central Division, allegedly collected a total of ₹66,600 in bribes via UPI. Evidence submitted includes transaction details and PhonePe records shared by a KSRTC employee. In one instance, Swapna reportedly received ₹15,500 from a driver through PhonePe. Sangeetha allegedly collected ₹51,100 through similar means. The complaint further alleges that officers harassed drivers and conductors who refused to pay bribes, denying them proper duty allocation or leave.

The complainant has urged action under Section 173(2) of the CrPC, the Lokayukta Act, and the Prevention of Corruption Act. A request has also been made for the suspension of the accused officers' accounts and a wider probe to trace additional transfers involving relatives. **BMB**

Probe ordered against Nelamangala ARTO

Days after a woman inspector at the Nelamangala Regional Transport Office (RTO) alleged sexual harassment against Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Raj Kumar, the Transport and Muzrai Minister has directed a departmental inquiry into the case.

The complaint, which surfaced on social media, was brought to the notice of the Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, who instructed the Transport Commissioner to initiate immediate disciplinary action.

Following these directions, the Commissioner has cancelled Raj Kumar's posting in Nelamangala and transferred him back to his parent office at the Bengaluru (West) RTO. The woman staff member has also been relieved from Nelamangala and reposted to her original unit at the Tumakuru RTO.

The case has now been referred to the department's Internal Complaints Committee on Sexual Harassment, which will conduct a formal inquiry. Officials confirmed that further action will be taken based on the committee's findings.

Earlier, allegations of corruption and irregularities in postings at the same RTO had surfaced, with Raj Kumar's name also figuring in those complaints. The latest development adds further scrutiny to the functioning of the Nelamangala office. **BMB**

Fatal bus accident: BMTC clears driver

Days after the death of 11-year-old Shabarish, who was crushed under the rear wheels of a BMTC bus near Jamia Masjid in KR Market, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has issued a statement absolving its driver of blame and pinning responsibility on the scooter rider.

In a press release on Monday, BMTC officials said CCTV footage showed that Shabarish, his uncle Sunil Kumar and another pillion rider attempted to overtake the bus from the left. On noticing another two-wheeler ahead, Kumar braked suddenly, lost control, and the trio fell.

While Kumar escaped with minor injuries, the boy, seated in the middle, was thrown under the rear wheels of the moving bus and fatally crushed. He was rushed to Victoria Hospital but succumbed to his injuries.

The Halasuru Gate Traffic Police have nevertheless arrested the bus driver Santosh and conductor Bhaskar as part of their investigation.

Senior BMTC officials who visited the accident spot maintained that the driver was not at fault. The corporation said it has intensified staff training sessions to prevent accidents, improve road discipline, and provide counselling support to employees. It also warned that strict action would be taken against personnel found violating traffic rules. **BMB**

Labourer stabbed to death in drunken brawl

A 25-year-old labourer was stabbed to death following a drunken brawl at a concrete plant in Kumbalagodu Industrial Area on Sunday.

The deceased, identified as Amith Rajbagh from Uttar Pradesh, had gone to the SV Concrete Plant along with his friend Akash to meet another worker, Ravi. Police said the trio, who were under the influence of alcohol, got into an argument that soon turned violent. In the scuffle, Ravi and Akash allegedly attacked Amith with a sharp object, killing him on the spot.

The incident came to light when the factory supervisor found Amith lying in a pool of blood and informed senior staff before alerting the police. Kumbalagodu police rushed to the scene and have taken Ravi and Akash into custody for questioning. Investigators are probing further to establish the exact motive behind the murder. **BMB**

Techie loses ₹2.6 lakh in cyber fraud linked to fake traffic fine link

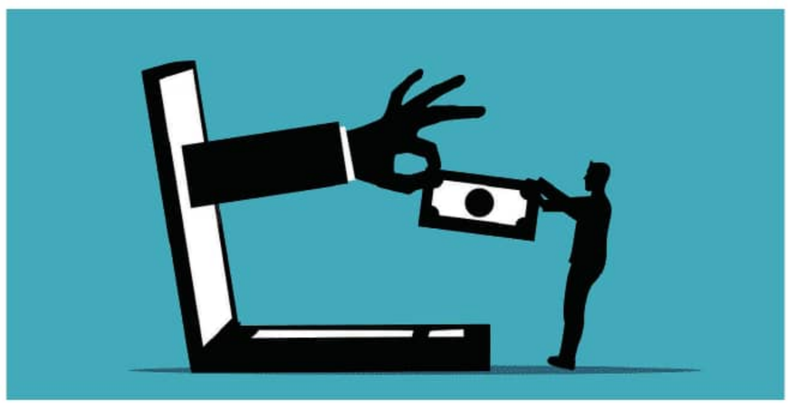
A 50-year-old resident of Telecom Layout lost ₹2.65 lakh after falling prey to a cyber fraud when he attempted to clear his pending traffic fines online. The case has raised concerns that fraudsters could exploit the ongoing 50% rebate scheme on traffic penalties announced by the Karnataka government.

According to the complaint filed at the Kodigehalli police station,the complainant, an engineer, was browsing the government website on August 1 to check his pending traffic violations. Soon after, he received a message on WhatsApp with an APK link that claimed to help him pay dues.

Believing it to be genuine, he clicked on the file and installed the app. Within minutes, his phone was compromised and unauthorised transactions amounting to ₹2.6 lakh were made across multiple accounts.

Police registered a case against unknown persons and are investigating by tracking transaction details. Officers have advised citizens not to click on suspicious links or download APK files, warning that this modus operandi is one of the most common forms of cyber fraud.

The fraud underscores the risk of such scams resurfacing at a time when the state government has rolled out a one-time 50% concession on pending traffic fines through the police e-challan system. The scheme, which began on August 23 and will run until September 12, has already triggered a rush among motorists to clear dues. On the first day alone, 1,48,747 cases were settled through various modes of payment, with a collection of ₹4.18 crore.



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Sense of urgency

Cybersecurity experts caution that such urgency creates fertile ground for fraudsters. "Fraudsters thrive on urgency and official-looking messages. With lakhs of vehicle owners rushing to pay fines at discounted rates, the risk of scams is extremely high," said a city-based cybercrime expert.

Authorities have urged citizens to use only official channels to check and clear their traffic fines. Payments can be made through the Karnataka State Police (KSP) app, the Bengaluru Traffic Police's BTP ASTraM app, at the nearest traffic police station by providing the vehicle registration number, at the Traffic Management Centre (TMC), or through the Karnataka One and Bangalore One websites.

The Bengaluru Traffic Police have clarified that they never send payment links via WhatsApp or SMS and advised motorists to rely only on these official platforms to avoid falling prey to scams.

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Citizens want govt to stay off buffer zones, protect lakes

Citizens, civic experts submit memorandum to Governor asking him not to give assent to KTCDA Amendment Bill, which they say will ring the death knell for lakes, wetlands in Karnataka

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Lakes' survival depends on strict enforcement of buffer zones and prevention of illegal activities

Delegation terms move unconstitutional, demanding Presidential scrutiny. They say it affects people's right to life, with consequences for water security, food safety, and sustainability

A delegation of concerned citizens and city-based civic experts, under the aegis of Bengaluru Town Hall, has submitted a memorandum to the Governor of Karnataka, exhorting him not to give assent to the KTCDA Amendment Bill that was recently adopted by the Karnataka Legislative Council.

The members, while submitting the memorandum, said that the bill poses an existential threat to all lakes and wetlands in Karnataka.

Apart from being environmentally unsound, it may accelerate the destruction of nearly 45,000 lakes throughout Karnataka, including the remaining 210 odd lakes in Bengaluru.

"The Bill will affect the most basic of our needs, i.e., our water security and food security," said a member of Bengaluru Town Hall.

The memorandum also highlighted that a public consultation with water and environment experts from various organisations, including the Indian Institute of Science, was recently organised. Experts, during the consultation, expressed that the present lake buffer zone of 30 meters itself is insufficient. They unanimously voiced that there should be no tinkering with the Lake Buffer Zone laws. Neither development of any kind should be permitted in the Lake buffer zones, nor should the current rule of 30 meters as a buffer zone be changed.

Bengaluru Town Hall members say that lakes are struggling already due to various issues such as pollution and encroachment. Instead of reducing buffer zones or allowing development activities in these zones, the government should instead focus on enhancing the protection of these buffer zones, enforcing stringent regulations against encroachments, and investing in the rejuvenation of these water bodies.

The delegate also underlined that even though it is a critical topic that affects every citizen, their habitat, and right to life and environment, the state government did not consult either citizens or experts on the matter.

"No expert committee was constituted to consider the implications of a reduction in the buffer zone. There have been no public consultations either. This is irresponsible and insensitive behaviour by the government and a betrayal of its duty to its citizens, and environment, especially at a time when our cities and rural areas are facing severe climate change crises, leading to water stress," noted the memorandum copy.

Members say that there is a strong case for the bill to be sent to the President, as it concerns matters of constitutionality and the right to life of every citizen.

"The move has been criticised in the media, and termed as a sell-out to the real estate and builder mafia, and a betrayal of public interest. The very sanctity of the legislature is in question. We appeal to the governor to prevent the hijack of the democratic process by vested interests, and preserve the sacredness of this institution," said a member of Bengaluru Town Hall.

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BMRCL to plant 20,000 saplings for Blue Line

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) will plant 20,000 saplings as compensatory green cover for trees cut during the construction of the Metro Blue Line (Airport Line). The plantation drive, estimated at 8.08 crore, will be undertaken in four phases across Harohalli, Doddaballapur KIADB Park Phases 2, 12 and 13, buffer zones, and government land, with assured maintenance for three years. Of the proposed saplings, 10,000 have been allocated for each corridor of the Blue Line.

The Blue Line spans two parts — Corridor 2A (Central Silk Board to KR Puram) and Corridor 2B (Kasturinagar to Kempegowda International Airport). So far, 4,382 trees have been felled and 1,062 transplanted. BMRCL stated it is prioritising transplantation and redesigning alignments to minimise ecological damage. Following Supreme Court directions, 10 saplings must be planted for every tree cut.

For Phase 3 works (Hebbal–JP Nagar 4th Phase, Hosahalli–Kadabagere), the previous plan of cutting 11,000 trees has been reduced to approximately 6,000. A detailed project report indicates around 11,137 trees may eventually be impacted over 44.65 km; assessments remain ongoing. The 58.19-km Blue Line, with 30 stations and a cost of 14,788 crore, is scheduled for partial operations by September 2026 between Central Silk Board and KR Puram. **–BMB**

Traffic police data spurs urgent repairs

Acting on a traffic police report that flagged 4,614 potholes disrupting traffic flow, the BBMP has accelerated repair operations across all city zones, including weekends and holidays. Out of the identified potholes, 3,287 come under BBMP's jurisdiction, while the remainder fall under agencies like BWSSB, BESCOM, GAIL, Metro, and the National Highways Authority.

Following directions from Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D K Shivakumar, along with BBMP Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao, engineers are supervising round-the-clock operations. Works, including night-time repairs, are targeting corridors such as Mysuru Road, Banashankari, Kanakapura Road, and Nagarabhavi using cold, eco, or hot mixes. **–BMB**

Revised schedule for waste collection

The Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has revised the attendance schedule for auto tippers engaged in waste collection across the city. With effect from today, the vehicle scanning time will be from 5.30 am to 6.30 am, instead of the earlier 6 am to 7.30 am. Officials said the change is intended to improve overall waste management and provide convenience to residents. Advancing the schedule will allow citizens to hand over garbage before leaving for work. It will also help reduce dumping in public areas and prevent the creation of black spots. BSWML Managing Director Karee Gowda has urged residents to cooperate. **–BMB**

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Flex menace
Kempegowda Road

Flex banners continue to clutter Kempegowda Road, causing visual pollution and traffic disruption, with no clear authority stepping up to remove the persistent eyesores.

Open drain
Doddaballapur Road

A foul-smelling open drain runs alongside Prestige Montecarlo Apartments' main gate on Doddaballapur Road, Yelahanka, causing distress. Residents demand urgent action to cover and sanitise the area.

Noise nuisance
KR Puram

Residents of Friends Road, KR Puram, suffer sleepless nights due to late-night noise from scrap dumping, welding, trucks, and loud labourers. BBMP's inaction worsens the situation.

Forged certificate costs driver job permanently

The Karnataka High Court has upheld the dismissal of a BMTC driver who secured employment by submitting a forged educational certificate. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Joshi dismissed an appeal by Malurappa challenging a single judge's order that had affirmed his termination.

The appellant was appointed as a Badli driver on August 29, 1988, after producing a transfer certificate claiming he had studied up to Class IX. An inquiry revealed the certificate was fabricated. The Enquiry Officer examined BMTC's Security Officer and the headmistress of Yerappanahalli Government Higher Primary School, confirming the document was fraudulent. Based on this, BMTC dismissed him on July 27, 2005.

Malurappa later raised an industrial dispute. In March 2016, the Labour Court upheld the misconduct finding but termed the penalty excessive, ordering reinstatement without back wages and reducing three annual increments. BMTC challenged this, and the High Court set aside the Labour Court's relief, holding that fraudulent entry cannot be regularized under any circumstances.

Before the division bench, the appellant cited a 1983 BMTC circular stating employees could not be terminated for suppression of information after years of service post-confirmation. He argued that after working for 17 years, dismissal was harsh and disproportionate. The bench rejected this, stating the circular applied to non-disclosure cases, not appointments secured through fraud. "But for the forged document certifying his educational qualifications, the appellant would have been ineligible for appointment," the court observed.

IN HIGH COURT

Judges ruled dismissed proportionate to gravity of misconduct. **BMB**

Marriage is no barrier to appointment

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that marriage alone cannot be a ground to reject a compassionate appointment claim by the brother of a deceased employee if the employee's spouse has predeceased him and there are no children.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj delivered the order while allowing a petition filed by Mantava and her son Sanganna, the mother and brother of the late Veeresh Mantappa Lolasar, who was employed with the Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC), Ballari Division. The court directed the corporation to consider Sanganna's application and appoint him to a suitable post based on his qualifications within twelve weeks. It clarified that Mantava would be free to seek cancellation of the order if her son failed to take care of her after securing employment.

The petitioners argued that although Veeresh was married, his wife Sunanda passed away on April 9, 2022, and the couple had no children. Veeresh had been supporting his mother and brother, making Sanganna eligible for compassionate appointment as he continues to care for their mother.

The corporation had opposed the plea, citing its policy that only a surviving spouse or children of a deceased employee are entitled to compassionate employment.

The bench emphasised compassionate appointment aims to prevent dependents of deceased employees from facing destituion after sudden loss. **BMB**

Property owners slam BDA for steep khata charges

Residents question unscientific fee hike, demand concession for name transfers after death, accuse BDA of ignoring repeated appeals

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The absence of effective drainage has turned open land parcels into water pools, highlighting negligence in layout development standards

The exorbitant khata transfer fee fixed by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has drawn flak from people owning property at layouts developed by it.

Property owners said they are not opposed to paying a fee for transferring khata but have objected to the steep hike introduced by the BDA. They argue that the increased amount is not only arbitrary but also places an unnecessary financial burden on those seeking to update property ownership records without any significant additional service or benefit.

Their main grievance is that the BDA charges the same fee for transferring khata to a dependant's name after the death of the original owner, as it does for a regular sale transaction. Owners say they have no objection to a higher fee for transfers involving the sale of a property, but the same charges for legal heirs are both unreasonable and insensitive, considering the circumstances involved.

"We approached the BDA to transfer the khata to our names. The property, a 30x40 site, was in my mother K. Devamma's name, and she passed away. We were asked to pay ₹4,000 as khata transfer fee. The BBMP charges only ₹500 for the same service. I don't understand why the BDA is demanding ₹4,000," said Santosh Patil, a site owner.

The BDA had hiked khata transfer fees in October 2020. For a 30x40 site, the fee was increased from ₹2,000 to ₹4,000. The fee for a 20x30 site went up from ₹500 to ₹1,000, for a 40x60 site from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000, and for a 50x80 site from ₹10,000 to ₹20,000.

Property owners question the logic behind linking the khata transfer fee to the site dimensions. They argue that changing the name in the records is a standard process and should not depend on the size of the property.

Adding to their frustration, owners point out that while BBMP's khata transfer process is fully online, the BDA system remains largely manual. "Apart from filing applications and downloading the khata, everything else is offline. Applicants need to submit hard copies of the uploaded documents to the caseworker. If we fail to do so, our applications are rejected," said another site owner.

> **"The BDA is collecting the same exorbitant fee for transferring khata to dependants' names as it does for a sale, which is an unscientific financial burden**
>
> —Santosh Patil, site Owner

Residents argue that the BDA should have introduced a separate category for transfers involving legal heirs instead of treating them on par with property sales. "We have written letters to BDA officials appealing for a review of the fee hike, as it imposes a burden on dependants.

Ashok M, forum's General Secretary said officials promised to resolve the issue, yet no actionn has been taken so far.

Passenger claims watch stolen at KIA

A 26-year-old private firm employee has accused airport staff of stealing her wristwatch during a security check at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Friday. The complainant, Neha Kushwah, told police she was at Terminal 2 around 8.30 am to board a flight to Gwalior when the incident took place. She said she placed her ₹10,000 wristwatch in a tray for scanning but found it missing after the check. Kushwah alerted CISF personnel before boarding her flight. Days later, CISF informed her that an airport staffer, identified as Usha Gangadhar, was suspected of the theft. Kushwah then lodged a formal complaint with the airport police on August 24. A case has been registered, and investigations are underway. **BMB**

77 skywalks to get cleaned citywide

The BBMP Solid Waste Management wing conducted a citywide cleanliness drive on pedestrian skywalks on Monday, following directions from BSWML CEO Karigowda to enhance public convenience and safety. Of the 81 skywalks in Bengaluru, cleaning was carried out at 77 locations, including Hebbal Baptist Hospital, Hosur Road, Old Madras Road, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru Road, Tin Factory, Bellandur, and Singasandra. Pourakarmikas removed waste, posters, and debris from stairways, walking decks, lifts, and surrounding areas. BBMP urged citizens to avoid littering, spitting, and sticking posters on skywalks, stressing shared responsibility in maintaining cleanliness. Currently, 16 skywalks are under the BBMP Traffic Engineering Cell, while 65 operate under the PPP model with instructions for regular upkeep. **BMB**

How did the elephants die? State govt refuses to reveal any clues

Over 20 elephants dead in 2025, yet post-mortem reports remain missing online, defying High Court-backed recommendations for transparency

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Elephant Task Force had urged KFD to create an online section for post-mortem reports to ensure accountability and curb poaching

Karnataka has recorded over 20 elephant deaths in 2025 so far, including four cases attributed to unnatural causes. However, the Forest Department has not made public even a single post-mortem report of these deaths, despite clear directives and past recommendations to ensure transparency and accountability.

According to data, in 2024, the state reported 109 elephant deaths, but only 36 post-mortem reports are available on the official website. In 2023, out of 98 recorded deaths, 76 reports were uploaded, while 11 reports from 2022 remain unpublished.

This lack of disclosure comes in spite of recommendations made by the Elephant Task Force (ETF) in 2013, which was constituted by the Karnataka High Court to strengthen elephant conservation measures. The ETF had suggested that the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) create a dedicated section on its website to upload all elephant post-mortem reports promptly for better public scrutiny and scientific monitoring.

Following this, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) issued a circular directing that post-mortem reports of wildlife species targeted by poachers or linked to illegal trade—including elephants, tigers, and leopards—be uploaded within 24 hours of examination. The order also mandated posting close-up and long-shot images of the carcass along with the report to ensure authenticity and deter poaching networks effectively.

> **"Transparency and timely data sharing are vital for effective wildlife conservation... I hope both the ICT and Wildlife wings will strengthen adherence to these directives**
>
> –Giridhar Kulkarni, Wildlife conservationist

Experts argue that these measures are crucial for transparency, credibility, and timely monitoring of wildlife mortality trends. However, the present scenario shows poor compliance, raising serious concerns among conservationists and activists.

"While the PCCF (Wildlife) has issued clear directions to upload elephant post-mortem reports in a timely manner, compliance remains inconsistent and unsatisfactory. Transparency and timely data sharing are vital for effective wildlife conservation and public trust," said wildlife conservationist Giridhar Kulkarni. He urged both the ICT wing and Wildlife wing of KFD to work together to strengthen adherence to these directives and improve accountability in the long run.

When approached by Bangalore Mirror, a senior KFD official assured that the issue would be reviewed and resolved soon, without specifying a timeline for implementation.

With Karnataka continuing to report high elephant mortality and poaching risks persisting, conservationists warn that failure to share such critical information undermines public confidence and weakens anti-poaching strategies. Timely disclosure of reports, as recommended over a decade ago, remains a key step toward strengthening elephant protection, promoting transparency, and ensuring stricter wildlife governance in the state.

Garment sector roots for 5% GST

The garment and hosiery sector has urged the finance minister and GST Council to introduce a uniform 5% GST on all garments and hosiery products, citing that multiple tax slabs create confusion, compliance challenges, and higher consumer costs. Industry representatives argue that a single rate will stabilise prices, reduce disputes, and ensure a level playing field for MSMEs and organised players. They have also sought the inclusion of petroleum products under GST, as fuel taxes outside its ambit significantly raise transportation and input costs in textiles and logistics. Highlighting that rationalisation can curb inflation, industry veteran Sajjan Raj Mehta noted that while states may fear revenue loss, an expanded tax base and phased transition support could address these concerns. **–BMB**

K'taka BJP chief changes on hold

The BJP high command has ruled out any changes in its Karnataka unit until the Bihar Assembly elections, putting leadership speculation and internal dissent on hold. Despite discontent over BY Vijayendra's appointment as state president, the central leadership has asked him to continue, making the coming months a critical test of his ability to consolidate the party and earn Delhi's confidence. Rebel voices, including expelled leader Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, failed to calm unrest, fuelling leadership change rumours. However, with the party yet to finalise its national president and Bihar elections approaching, the high command has decided against reshuffling key roles. **–BMB**

Rain turns deficit into surplus

Heavy rains over the past week have erased the rainfall deficit in several districts of South Interior Karnataka, easing farmers' concerns. By July-end, the region faced a 1% shortfall, but timely showers in early August reversed the trend. IMD data shows districts like Bengaluru Rural (58% deficit), Ramanagara (49%), Hassan (47%), Bengaluru Urban (36%), Kolar (34%), Tumakuru (28%), Shivamogga (22%), and Chikkaballapura (18%) have now recovered. As of August 20, the region recorded an 8% surplus, with Chikkaballapura 46% above normal, Shivamogga 30% surplus, and Bengaluru Urban reducing its gap to just 1%. **–BMB**

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Adventure tourism set to sail across Chikkaballapur's serene lakes

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The Tourism Department has drawn up plans to introduce boating and water adventure sports in six lakes across Chikkaballapur district. Of these, Vatadahosahalli Lake in Gauribidanur taluk has already been awarded the boating tender, with trial operations currently underway.

Chikkaballapur, which has recently emerged as a promising tourism destination, is witnessing a surge in visitors after the installation of the Isha Adiyogi statue. To capitalize on this growing footfall, the Tourism Department plans to offer boating and a variety of water adventure sports to enhance the leisure experience for tourists.

For now, only Vatadahosahalli Lake has received the green signal, with official operations set to begin after final no-objection certificates (NOCs) are obtained from relevant departments. Fire safety clearance is among the pending approvals. Meanwhile, visitors are already enjoying trial boating activities at the lake.

The department aims to introduce sports such as rafting, kayaking, canoeing, windsurfing, jet skiing, water zorbing, and even establish boathouses in the coming months. Officials believe these initiatives will transform the district's lakes into revenue-generating tourism hubs and create a new experience for adventure seekers.

Despite the district having several well-filled lakes, environmental and technical challenges have restricted activity in some locations. The Forest

Vatadahosahalli Lake gears up for official launch of boating and adventure water sports, promising a thrilling new experience for visitors

Department's concerns, water flow issues in the HN Valley, and other factors have delayed permissions for certain lakes.

Apart from Vatadahosahalli, five other lakes—Kandavara, Srinivasasagara, Amanibairesagara, Dandiganahalli, and Kodige—were identified for similar projects. While Kandavara, Srinivasasagara, Amanibairesagara, and Dandiganahalli were considered ideal, technical hurdles have held up approvals. However, discussions are underway to launch activities at Amanibairesagara Lake in Gudibande under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, which could see boating and water sports start there soon.

Chikkaballapur already boasts popular attractions such as Nandi Giridhama, Nandi Temple, Rangasthala, Kaivara, Kailasagiri, and the iconic Isha Adiyogi statue. Recently, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) introduced the "Isha Rounds" bus service, bringing hundreds of visitors from Bengaluru every week. Officials are confident that adding water-based activities will further boost tourism and benefit the local economy.

> **"The Tourism Department is introducing boating and water adventure sports in six lakes to transform them into valuable, revenue-generating tourism hubs**
>
> –Official

Currently, tenders were invited for an 11-month period for boating and water sports in Vatadahosahalli and Manchenahalli lakes. While Vatadahosahalli has secured the contract, Manchenahalli is yet to move forward.

What precious scrap

Seized scrap stolen from lorry inside Commercial Tax Office premises

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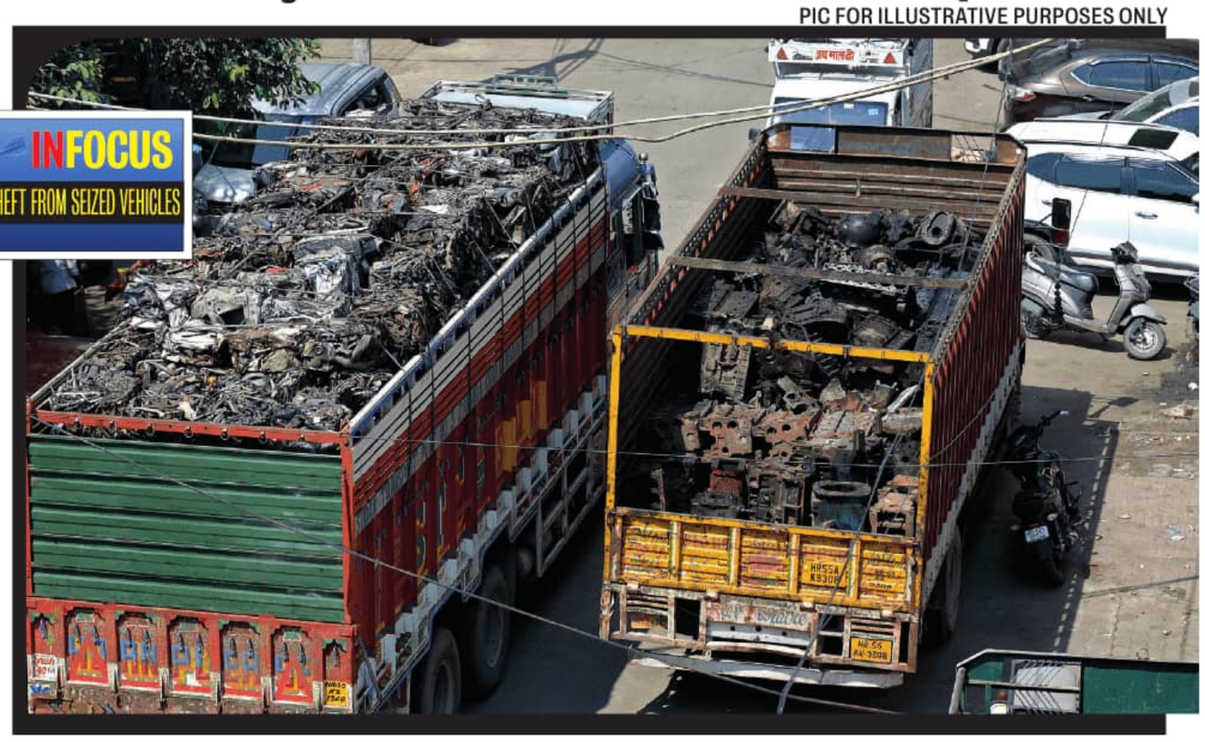

Nearly 689 kg of copper and brass scrap went missing from a seized lorry parked inside the Commercial Tax Office (CTO)-2 premises in Koramangala, exposing serious lapses in safeguarding confiscated goods. The vehicle, detained under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act in December 2024 for transporting goods without valid documents, was under departmental custody when unidentified thieves struck earlier this month.

Seized lorry was a target

According to a complaint filed by the Commercial Tax Officer, the lorry was intercepted on December 18, 2024, after its driver failed to produce documents for the consignment. It was parked inside the department premises pending further proceedings.

On the night of August 5, security personnel noticed a group of men carrying sacks of copper and brass scrap from the lorry between 2 am and 2.20 am. When guards attempted to intervene, the miscreants fled, abandoning three bags that were later recovered and handed over to the security office.

The following day, during re-weighing, officials discovered a shortfall of 689 kg of scrap. The lorry itself was found damaged, confirming that it had been forcibly accessed.

Not the first case

This is not an isolated case. In 2020, a lorry seized with 2,605 kg of copper scrap from the same office premises was found to have only 907 kg on re-check, indicating a shortfall of 1,697.75 kg. That incident too raised suspicions of internal involvement, though no conclusive probe findings were made public.

Security worries

Despite round-the-clock security, the repeat incidents highlight glaring vulnerabilities in the system meant to safeguard seized property. Valuable consignments, particularly copper and brass scrap, have consistently gone missing under government custody, raising concerns over accountability and possible insider links.

While the police have registered a case and said investigations are on, no confirmation has been given regarding departmental action or an internal inquiry into the thefts. **Atiya Firdos**

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13% of GDP: Household financial savings in India are projected to average over the coming decade

"India's household financial savings to average around **13%** of GDP over the next ten years as a base-case (vs. average **11.6%** of GDP observed in the previous ten years)" -- The report.

Over **$4** trillion: To be allocated to long-term savings products such as insurance, pension, and retirement funds.

$ 0.8 trillion: Into equities and mutual funds are also projected

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As households increasingly prefer financial assets over traditional physical assets like real estate and gold, the process of financialisation of savings is expected to deepen in India.

3 implications of higher household financial savings :

- Inflows will provide a stable funding base for India's corporate capital expenditure cycle, without materially widening the current account deficit.
- Likely to support the long-duration bond markets, helping anchor long-end sovereign bond yields.
- Rise in financial savings is expected to expand retail participation in capital markets further and boost the demand for professional wealth management services.

—ANI

ROADSAFETY

Drive against drunk driving

A week-long special drive conducted by the Bengaluru Traffic Police registered 667 cases of drunk driving and 90 cases of speeding during. The drive was conducted from August 18 to August 24. Officers from all 53 traffic police stations actively participated in the operation, which was part of ongoing efforts to improve road safety.

During the drive, a total of 47,749 vehicles were checked at various checkpoints across the city.

Police stated that such violations continue to pose a serious threat to commuters, with drunken driving being one of the leading causes of accidents in the city.

In a parallel operation against speeding, 90 cases were booked, and fines amounting to ₹90,000 were collected from offenders.

Officials emphasised that speeding not only endangers the life of the violator but also puts other road users at risk.

Along with drunk and drive checking, traffic police carried out a special drive to curb no-parking, wrong parking, and other parking violations, during which 12,097 cases were booked. **BMB**

Tourist vehicles in the radar

Targeting violations by contract carriages and All India tourist vehicles operating in and around the city, Bengaluru's Transport Department conducted a special enforcement drive from August 22 to 24. The campaign, held daily from 6 pm onwards under the leadership of the Joint Transport Commissioner (City), aimed to curb illegal practices such as carrying cargo on vehicle rooftops, operating without passes, violating pass conditions, and overcharging passengers with double fares.

During the three-day drive, more than 1,000 vehicles were inspected across various parts of the city.

Officials reported that 497 vehicles were found violating rules, with cases registered against them. The department also collected fines and taxes amounting to ₹5.51 lakh.

Authorities stated that the campaign was initiated in response to repeated complaints from commuters regarding safety hazards, fare exploitation, and unauthorised operations of tourist vehicles. Transport officials emphasised that carrying goods on rooftops—apart from passengers' luggage—not only breaches regulations but also poses serious risks to road safety.

The department has warned operators of stringent action for repeated violations and assured that such surprise drives will continue in the coming weeks to ensure passenger safety. **BMB**

Fine discount rakes in ₹11.63 cr

Motorists across Karnataka rushed to clear their long-pending traffic fines after the state government announced a 50% concession on e-challan penalties. The move, introduced on August 21, 2025, came into effect on August 23.

In just three days, from August 23 to 25, a whopping 4,13,204 challan cases were settled across the state.

Payments made through all prescribed modes helped the government collect an impressive ₹11.63 crore.

The special concession was aimed at reducing the burden on vehicle owners who had accumulated heavy penalties over time. **BMB**

CLOSERHOME

Dharmasthala case: 'SIT capable, no need for NIA probe'

Responding to the Karnataka BJP's demand to hand over the investigation of the alleged Dharmasthala mass grave case to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Home Minister G. Parameshwara stated on Monday that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the matter is capable, and there is no need for an NIA probe.

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru on Monday, HM Parameshwara said, "In my opinion, the SIT is efficient and capable of conducting the investigation. They are carrying out the probe effectively, and there is no need for an NIA investigation. We are ensuring the investigation is conducted with utmost care by senior officers."

When asked about the BJP's criticism of the SIT, he said, "...I have observed statements being made, but such remarks will not reveal the truth." **IANS**

Gaming firms in the red

Shares of online gaming companies continued to fall sharply on Monday after the approval of the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025.

Nazara Technologies shares fell 6.29%, trading at Rs 1,084. During the intra-day trading, shares had dipped 11 per cent, the lowest level for the stock in over three months. The gaming stock has dropped 22% in the last five days.

Delta Corp shares fell 2.45% and were trading at Rs 85.24 apiece at 12.15 pm. The stock has fallen 6.20% in the last six months and is down 23.29% YTD.

The law bans online money games that require users to make deposits with the expectation of winning money. Analysts expect that the new law, which impacts the country's $3.8 billion gaming industry, will affect around 2 lakh jobs, Rs 25,000 crore in foreign direct investment, and Rs 20,000 crore in tax revenues. **IANS**

Speed up LPG auto registration, govt urged

Indian Auto LPG Coalition (IAC) has urged Karnataka Transport Secretary N V Prasad to consider a more inclusive and rapid registration policy to help harness the full potential of Automotive Liquefied Petroleum Gas (ALPG) in Bengaluru.

IAC is the nodal body dedicated to the adoption of Auto LPG across India.

According to IAC Director General Suyash Gupta, the registration of new ALPG vehicles in Bengaluru has been proceeding at a slow pace, resulting in prolonged administrative delays and operational hardship for drivers.

"Auto LPG presents a win-win chance for cities combating air pollution and for drivers seeking cost-effective solutions," he said in a release. Gupta said ALPG results in significantly lower emissions of particulates, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons. **PTI**

Drug peddlers target educational institutions

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campuses highlights the vulnerability of students in these environments."

The state government has responded with strict enforcement under the NDPS Act. Home Minister G Parameshwara said, "Cases are registered immediately when sales are detected, accused individuals are arrested, and judicial custody is ensured. Repeat offenders face prosecution under PIT-NDPS-1988, and authorities have initiated seizures of both fixed and movable assets to dismantle drug networks systematically. NDPS Chapter-V provisions are applied to disrupt the illegal trade of narcotics near educational institutions."

While the overall number of cases and arrests shows a decreasing trend, the sharp rise in seized narcotics in 2024 suggests that drug networks may be dealing in larger quantities even as incidents decline. This reflects a shift in the nature of drug operations, emphasising the need for adaptive enforcement strategies and consistent monitoring of college neighbourhoods.

Community vigilance

Authorities stress that protecting students requires a collective effort. Awareness campaigns, stricter campus monitoring, and active community participation are key to preventing drug-related activities.

While law enforcement focuses on habitual offenders and larger suppliers, students, parents, and educational institutions must also remain alert. Krishna D, an activist, said, "The Assembly data serves as a wake-up call: even as arrests increase and seizures fluctuate, the persistent threat of narcotics near colleges underlines the urgent need for continued vigilance and targeted interventions to safeguard young minds."

SC upholds High Court bail order to Saleem Khan

The Supreme Court has upheld the Karnataka High Court's order granting bail to Saleem Khan, who was arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for alleged links with the organisation "Al-Hind." The apex court rejected an appeal filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which had challenged the High Court's decision.

A bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice KV Viswanathan noted that Al-Hind is not listed as a banned organisation under the schedule to the UAPA. The Court observed that mere participation in meetings or association with such a group cannot, in itself, attract offences under the stringent anti-terror law. "The High Court noticed that the allegations against accused no.11, Saleem Khan, were regarding his connections with Al-Hind, which admittedly is not a banned organisation. Therefore, to say that he was attending meetings of the said organisation would not amount to any prima facie offence," the bench said in its order.

The case dates back to January 2020, when the Central Crime Branch (CCB) registered a First Information Report at the Suddaguntepalya Police Station in Mico Layout, Bengaluru. Seventeen individuals were booked under several provisions of the Indian Penal Code, including sections 153A (promoting enmity between groups), 121A (conspiracy to commit offences against the State), 120B (criminal conspiracy), 122 (collecting arms with intent of waging war), 123 (concealment with intent to facilitate design to wage war), 124A (sedition) and 125 (waging war against an Asiatic power in alliance with the Government of India). The FIR also invoked sections 13, 18 and 20 of the UAPA. The case was subsequently handed over to the NIA.

In its bail order, the High Court had made a distinction between two of the accused. It granted bail to Saleem Khan but denied relief to another accused, Mohd. Zaid. According to the prosecution, Zaid had established contacts with handlers linked to the terror group ISIS through the dark web. The High Court concluded that while the allegations against Zaid warranted further custodial interrogation, those against Khan did not amount to offences under the UAPA.

The order granting bail to Khan observed, "Mere attending meetings and becoming member of Al-Hind Group, which is not a banned organisation under the UAPA, and attending jihadi meetings, purchasing training materials and organising shelters for co-members is not an offence as contemplated under section 2(k) or section 2(m) of the Act."

Endorsing this reasoning, the Supreme Court refused to interfere with the High Court's conclusions. At the same time, the bench directed the trial court to complete the proceedings within two years, stressing that the accused cannot be made to languish in custody indefinitely as undertrial prisoners. The Court underscored that while the State has every right to prosecute those accused of serious offences, trials must be conducted expeditiously to balance national security concerns with the constitutional guarantee of personal liberty.

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Live by the machete...

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increasingly being misused in street fights, assaults, and gang-related clashes.

A senior police official said, "Despite the 2017 ban on carrying machetes and other bladed weapons in public, they are still easily available in malls and local markets. These are generally sold as kitchen tools, which is legal. However, their misuse as weapons is strictly prohibited. As for dragon knives, their sale itself is banned."

Several recent incidents underline why public fear persists. Recently, a 26-year-old BESCOM Assistant Engineer was allegedly molested and robbed at knife-point inside her PG in Yelahanka on August 11. The intruder forced her for valuables, threatened her, and stole two mobile phones worth over ₹1 lakh before fleeing. The victim locked herself in the bathroom and raised an alarm. Police have registered a case.

Before this incident, a 21-year-old woman was brutally attacked with a machete by a house help while she was asleep at a house in Basappa Garden, Malleshwaram, on August 10. The victim, who had been staying with a retired nurse's family, suffered severe injuries on her face and hands while asleep. Police have arrested the accused.

In another incident, Kalasipalya police have taken two minors into custody for allegedly assaulting a 38-year-old man with a machete near JC Road on the night of August 2. The victim, Harshith, who works at a local automobile shop, was speaking with a friend when he noticed the duo heading towards a dead-end and cautioned them. According to police, the boys, reportedly intoxicated, took offence to his remark and picked up a quarrel. The situation turned violent when one of them attacked Harshith, leaving a deep injury on his left hand.

"We are also monitoring cases where such weapons are used for making reels on social media and are tracing their sources. Whenever such incidents occur, we register cases without delay

However, police said such cases are on the decline. City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh explained, "Such cases have come down. We are very particular about incidents involving dragon knives, machetes, or any weapon capable of causing harm. Merely carrying them is illegal, and using or threatening others with them is also a punishable offence.

If anyone is harmed, we take immediate action. We are also monitoring cases where such weapons are used for making reels on social media and are tracing their sources. Whenever such incidents occur, we register cases without delay. Most of these instances are either for intimidation or extortion, but overall, there has been a clear reduction in such cases."

Yet, the numbers tell a different story. While 90 cases were registered in 2022 and 89 in 2023, the figure rose to 106 in 2024. With 62 cases already reported this year, the trend can't be written off. From rowdy sheeters attacking five people causing injuries in Indiranagar earlier this year to youngsters openly performing wheelies with machetes on Magadi Road, several were arrested for causing trouble in public.

On February 13, 11 youths in DJ Halli rode motorcycles at midnight, flaunting swords, dragging machetes, performing wheelies, and a video of this act went viral. In another case, police in Iliyasnagar near Banashankari arrested 18 youths, including several minors, for brandishing weapons during a late-night festival celebration.

In another celebration, Gauribidanur police arrested a 28-year-old auto driver,for cutting his birthday cake with a sword in Lagumenahalli in May. A video of the act went viral online, prompting suo motu action. Police seized the sword, booked him under the Arms Act, and later released him on station bail.

YOUR DREAM DIET

Is your meal influencing your dreams? Here's what research says

Have you ever wondered if a bizarre dream was caused by something you ate the night before? If so, you're not alone. We all have strange or unsettling dreams now and then, and when we do, we want to know what might cause them.

For centuries, people have believed that what and when they eat can influence their dreams.

But even though folklore has long suggested that food and dreams are connected, scientific research into this notion has been limited.

A few exploratory surveys have provided preliminary, suggestive results. One study from 2007 found that people who ate more organic food reported having more vivid and bizarre dreams than those who consumed more fast food.

Similarly, a 2022 survey linked fruit consumption to more frequent dream recall, high fruit and fish intake to more lucid dreams, and sugary food consumption to more nightmares. And in our 2015 study, we found that nearly 18 per cent of participants endorsed the idea that what they ate influenced their dreams, with dairy being the most frequently cited culprit.

As a follow-up to that study, we recently conducted an online survey with 1,082 Canadian psychology students that asked them about their food habits, general health, sleep quality and dreams. We tested several hypotheses about how diet and food sensitivities might influence dreaming — including possible influences on the severity of nightmares.

What we found

Just over 40 per cent of participants told us that certain foods either worsened or improved their sleep quality. Around five per cent believed food affected their dreams, with desserts, sweets and dairy being the most frequently cited culprits.

People with food allergies or gluten intolerance were more likely to perceive that food influenced their dreams, while participants with lactose intolerance were more likely to report that food worsened their sleep.

We also found that participants with a food allergy or lactose intolerance reported more frequent and severe nightmares. Interestingly, the frequency of gastrointestinal symptoms, such as abdominal pain and bloating, was associated with both lactose intolerance and nightmares, thereby possibly explaining the relationship between the two.

These findings support a growing body of evidence suggesting a connection between the gut microbiome and the central nervous system (the gut-brain axis). What is novel about our findings is that they suggest gut discomfort can manifest psychologically during sleep as nightmares.

This connects to developing research examining the relationship of diet to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), one symptom of which is frequent nightmares. While research in this area has focused on the relationship of overall dietary patterns to PTSD, our findings suggest that specific foods, such as dairy and sweets, could exacerbate nightmares in particular.

This suggests that treatments for PTSD might usefully include an assessment of dietary habits, allergies and intolerances, and making dietary changes.

While our research provides insight into how food might affect dreaming, the results are correlational. Experiments are needed to test the extent to which certain foods can impact dreams.

The next steps could involve controlled experiments that test what happens when people consume certain trigger foods, such as cheese that contains lactose versus cheese that does not contain lactose, especially among those with lactose intolerance or who have frequent nightmares. Similar experiments could be done for participants with various types of food allergies.

Some practical takeaways

Beyond dreaming, our findings, combined with what we know from previous research, suggest a few things you could do to help minimise food-related sleep disruptions:

1) Avoid eating late at night, especially heavy, sugary or spicy foods. We found that evening eating was associated with more negative dream content and poorer sleep quality.
2) If you're lactose intolerant, try avoiding dairy before bed or switching to lactose-free options. For example, hard, aged cheeses tend to be lower in lactose than soft, fresh cheeses.
3) If you have food allergies, consider minimising your intake of culprit foods before bed. Fears and anxieties associated with potential allergic reactions could creep into your dreams.
4) Keep track of any foods that seem to influence your sleep or dreams, and experiment with removing them for intermittent periods of time to see if they influence your sleep or dream quality.

In general, eating a nutrient-dense, balanced diet with fibre, fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins could help support sleep or dream quality. Overall, the main takeaway is to listen to your body. If certain foods or dietary habits consistently lead to poor sleep or strange dreams, it's worth taking these symptoms seriously.

(By Jade Radke, University of British Columbia; Russell Arnold Powell, MacEwan University ;Claudia Picard-Deland and Tore Nielsen, University of Montreal, The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Genetic testing of IVF embryos can help women over 35 conceive faster: Study

Genetic testing of IVF-created embryos could help more women over 35 have a baby in less time, according to a study on Monday.

Researchers from King's College London, UK, led the first randomised controlled trial worldwide to focus exclusively on women aged 35-42 -- a group at higher risk of producing embryos with chromosomal abnormalities.

The trial looked at the use of Preimplantation genetic testing for aneuploidy (PGT-A) to check embryos for chromosomal abnormalities before transfer.

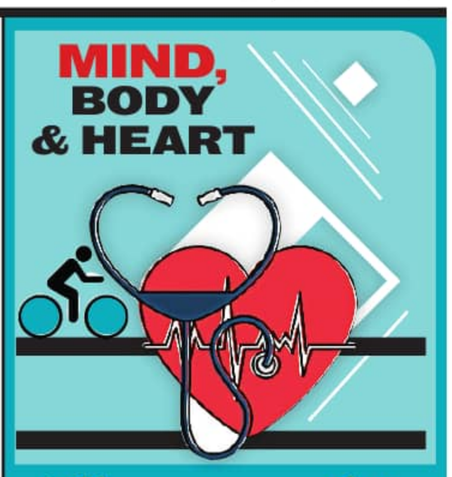
Older women are more likely to produce embryos with the wrong number of chromosomes, which can lead to difficulties in conceiving and increase the risk of miscarriage.

The results, published in the Journal of Clinical Medicine, showed that the PGT-A test showed a higher cumulative live birth rate after up to three embryo transfers, with 72 per cent in the PGT-A group versus 52 per cent in the control group.

Women in the PGT-A group achieved pregnancy in fewer transfers, reducing the time to conception, an important factor for women of advanced reproductive age.

"The number of women starting their family above the age of 35 is increasing, and women in this age group are more likely to create embryos with the wrong number of chromosomes. This increases the risk of unsuccessful implantation and miscarriages," said Dr Yusuf Beebeejaun, from King's College London.

"Our findings suggest that targeted use of PGT-A in this age group could help more women have a baby sooner, while also reducing the emotional toll of repeated unsuccessful cycles," Beebeejaun added. —IANS



All you need to know about...

Oils for eyebrow

1. Castor Oil

Castor oil is one of the more common household remedies for sparse eyebrows because of its rich ricinoleic acid and vitamin E content. These compounds condition and nourish hair follicles, prevent damage and breakage, and may promote regrowth by stimulating local circulation because it penetrates so deeply. There is limited literature addressing its effectiveness in relation to hair regrowth, but most dermatologists agree that the ultimate fatty-acid profile is what makes castor oil an effective conditioning oil.

How to Use:

1 drop on each brow at night.
Gently massage into hair for 1–2 minutes.
Remove with mild cleanser in the morning.

2. Coconut Oil

Packed with lauric acid and antioxidants, coconut oil helps protect hair proteins and reduces the damage from styling products and environmental stressors. It's light enough for nightly use and keeps brow hairs soft and healthy. While it doesn't overly encourage follicle growth, it helps prevent thinning over time.

How to Use:

Warm a drop between your fingers.
Apply evenly over brows before bed.
Wash off in the morning.

3. Argan Oil

Often referred to as "liquid gold", argan oil is rich in omega-9 fatty acids and vitamin E, which helps strengthen and nourish eyebrow hair. Some research indicates the antioxidant properties of argan oil help protect follicles and reduce oxidative stress, which may help slow hair loss.

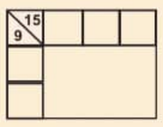
How to use:

Dab a drop on brows in the morning or after your evening facial routine.
Comb with a spoolie to give even coverage on all hairs.

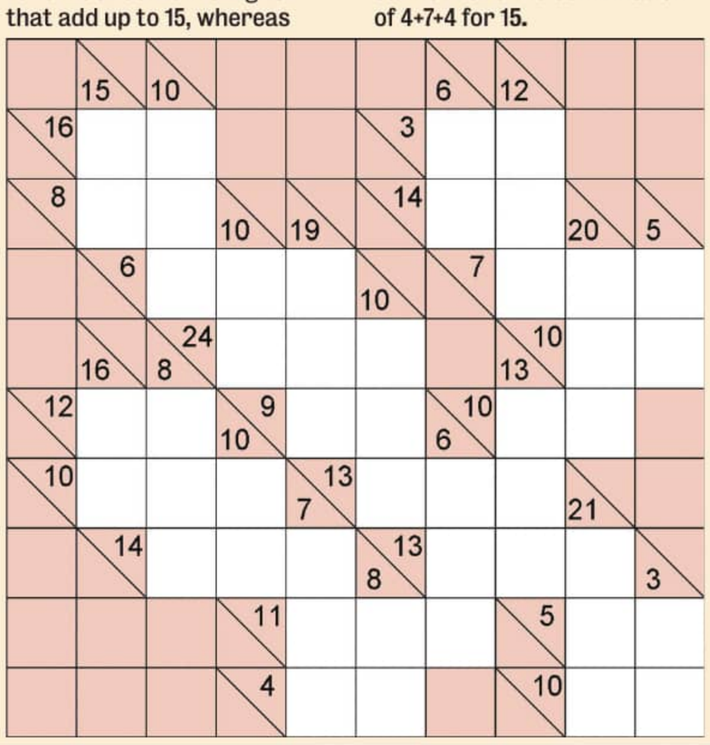
—Femina

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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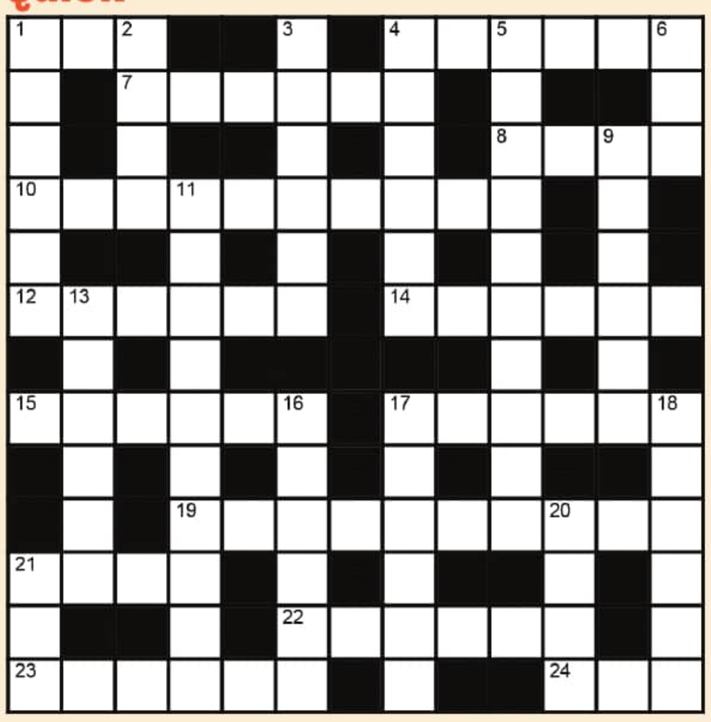


ACROSS

1 A female person (3)
4 Magnificent (6)
7 Rise to surface (4,2)
8 English river (4)
10 Looked after; dealt with? (4,4,2)
12 Former US President Harry ___ (6)
14 Frenzied (6)
15 Seem or look? (6)
17 Inflict retribution (6)
19 Clothing, furnishing or providing (10)
21 Siamese cry? (4)
22 South Indian state (6)
23 Formal discussion (6)
24 Used a shovel (3)

DOWN

1 Seven for music (6)
2 Reverberation (4)
3 Stay back, survive or linger (6)
4 Oration (6)
5 Competent (10)
6 Cricket sundry (3)
9 Engaging in espionage (6)
11 Magadi chieftain who founded Bangalore (5,5)
13 Refresh with rest, lie down (6)
16 Gain back (6)
17 Bee farm (6)
18 Border type? (6)
20 Apple's tablet (4)
21 Crazy or insane (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: G EQUALS H

T OTF CH FZV ZYM TH YZFA TH GK CH HKKLCFA HZOKVGCFA.

Linemaro

Do you believe in exorcism? You've got me possessed

Mindchow

With most people, disbelief in a thing is founded on a blind belief in some other thing

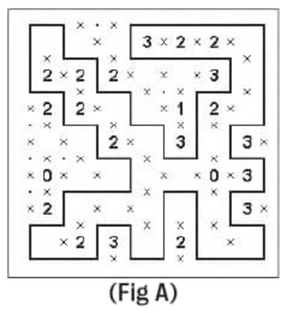
Joke of the day

My dog licked the crumbs out of my computer keyboard and earned an online college degree

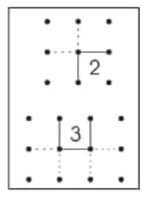
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

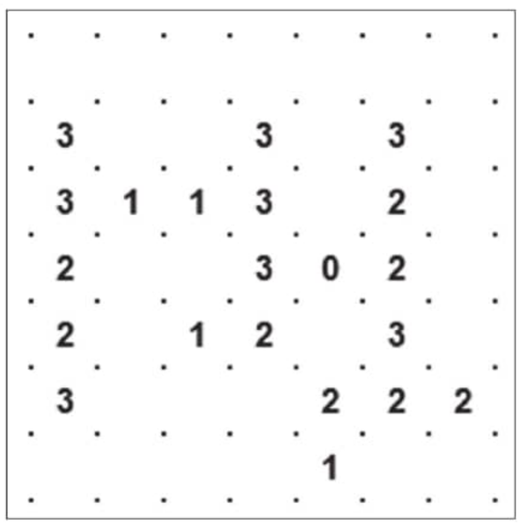


(Fig B) Not Allowed

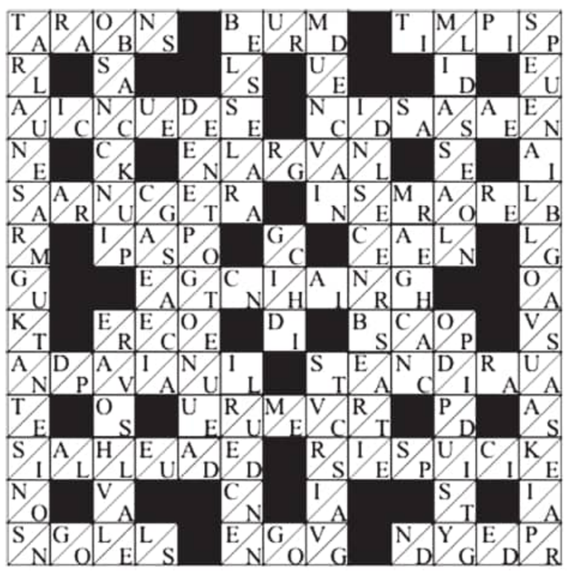
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



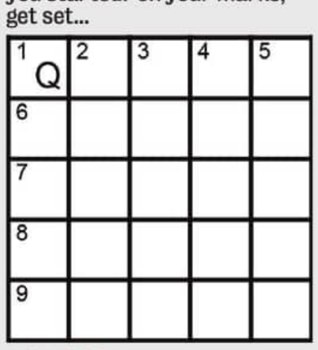
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

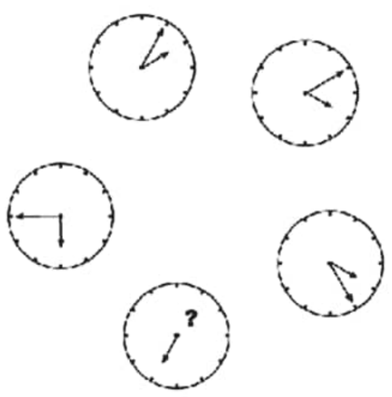
1 Is qua; 6 Annum; 7 U-boat; 8 Clean; 9 GRE eg.

DOWN

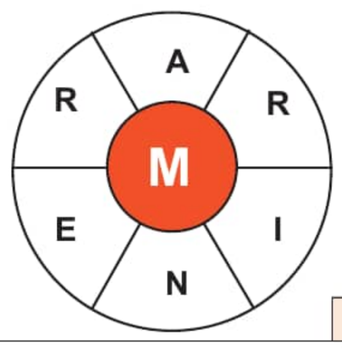
1 Equal; 2 A bung; 3 Mango; 4 Cause; 5 Rent I

Mensapuzzle

Where should the minute hand point to on the bottom clock?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

15 Average; **17** Good; **19** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

8		4						1
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		7	3	9		6		5
						8	9	
	8	9		2		4	1	
	3	2						
9		1		7	6	3		
				4	5			
2						5		8

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 28

5 7 8 8

Medium = 4

2 2 3 9

Hard = 3

3 4 9 9

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

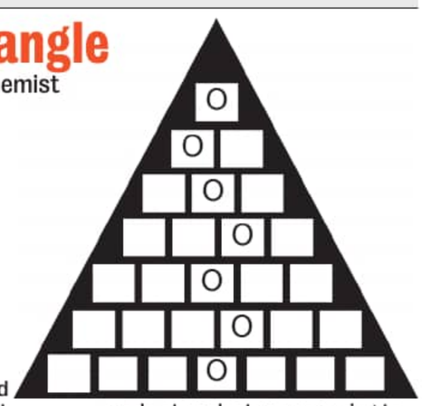
Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Boy is moved. 3. Lapel is missing. 4. Some leaves are missing. 5. Woman is thinner. 6. Coat collar is different.

Riddler

O, S, C, Y, S, B, T, D, ? What is the next letter in the sequence?

Alpha triangle

1 Oxygen for the chemist
2 Obstetrics, abbr.
3 Lump
4 An online journal
5 A round ball
6 Be a part of
7 Dishonourable



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye

GR-R!
BOO!
HE'S A GIANT!
YEAH! HE'S TRYIN' TA SCARE US!
YA MUS' NEVER ACT LIKE YA IS ASCARED IN FRONT OF A DEMING!
FEAR MAKES 'EM TWICE AS STRONG!
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BUD ISENDORF
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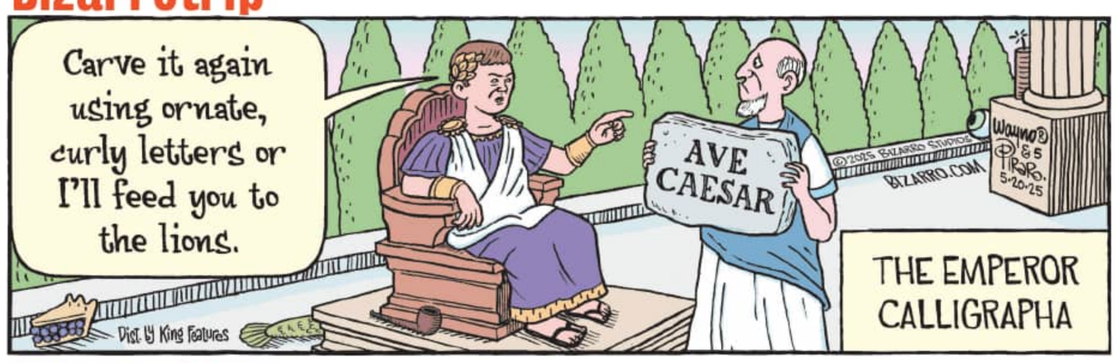
Bizarrotrip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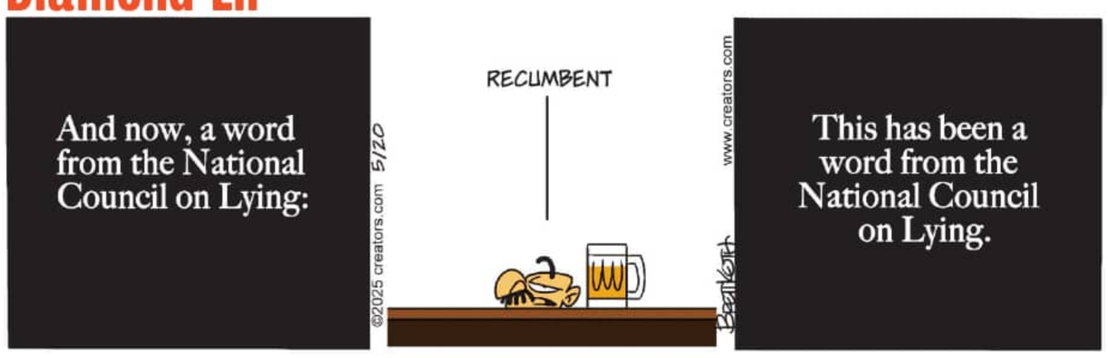
Diamond Lil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RECUMBENT
This has been a word from the National Council on Lying.
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Beetle Bailey

Hart of the city

WHOEVER GETS "MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED" IN MIDDLE SCHOOL ENDS UP GETTING NOMINATED FOR HOMECOMING COURT IN HIGH SCHOOL.
KEVIN SLATTERY'S BROTHER'S BEST FRIEND GOT "MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED" IN 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADE. HE BECAME HOMECOMING CHIEF OF STAFF IN FRESHMAN YEAR.
CHIEF OF STAFF? I THOUGHT HOMECOMING COURT WAS ONLY KING AND QUEEN.
WE'RE A MODERN SOCIETY. WE NEED MODERN RULE.
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Crankshaft

I'M LOOKING FOR SOME WISTERIAS...
WISTERIAS?
YES... LIKE THEY USED TO HAVE AT THE WISTERIA BALLROOM AT SUMMIT BEACH PARK!
Flowers
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Happiness surrounds you today, making daily tasks more enjoyable. Your inner strength helps in making bold decisions that may increase profits soon. A short work-related trip is possible, and colleagues will support you in completing tasks on time. Students will stay focused, though you're advised to watch your eating habits.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may feel low and restless today, with sleeplessness affecting both body and mind. Concerns about a family member's health could upset you. Overspending on unnecessary items might hurt your savings. Stay alert, as hidden opponents may try to create trouble.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
The day begins on a happy note. Quick and confident decisions at work will bring benefits soon. A new source of income may appear, boosting savings. With your partner's support, business investments could turn profitable. Harmony in domestic life strengthens through deeper understanding with your spouse.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Work responsibilities may keep you busy, leaving little time for family. However, with elders' blessings, job seekers may land high positions, and managers could be promoted. Rewards and recognition are likely, raising your professional status and boosting confidence.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
A positive aura surrounds you, guiding you in the right direction. Peace of mind helps you excel in all areas, and destiny favors you. Travel to a distant religious place may bring inner satisfaction, and charity will feel fulfilling. You may also hear joyful news regarding a grandchild.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You may feel withdrawn, drawn into self-reflection and analysis. Changes in position or place are possible, and patience may be tested. Arrogance could create friction with others, so speak carefully. Avoid risky travel and adventurous activities for safety.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Health feels good today, and hard work brings gains. Stuck money may finally be recovered, improving business liquidity. Job seekers will perform well in interviews, and students may hear encouraging academic news. Introducing creative items at home or work will enhance your social image.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You'll perform well at work and enjoy good relations with your boss, possibly gaining a stronger role in the organization. However, stay alert to hidden enemies. Lifestyle-related health issues could arise, so maintain your routine. Job seekers are likely to find suitable opportunities.

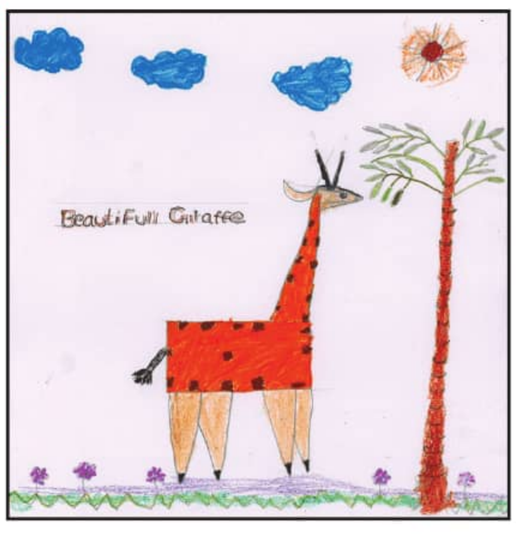
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
The morning may feel unsettling, so trust your intuition before making business or investment decisions. Lovebirds should postpone marriage-related talks, while students need extra effort in studies. By afternoon, elders' blessings will bring relief, comfort, and control over challenges.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
A challenging day may bring delays and disappointments at work. Lack of focus could affect routine tasks, and projects may be postponed. Avoid major investments, especially in property or construction, as it's best to wait for a better time.

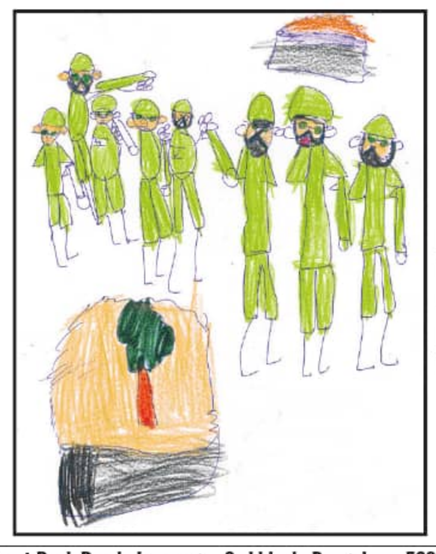
Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Helping those in need boosts your social respect. Your dedication at work may allow you to finish tasks ahead of schedule. Good news from siblings may brighten the day. However, overwork could cause fatigue and stress. Meditation or fasting may help restore balance.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Strong energy keeps you happy and focused. Efficiency at work is recognized by superiors, and financial gains from business are likely. Love may also find its way to you today, bringing joy and excitement.

KIDZONE



Yatharth A, 6 years, Police Public School



Dhruva Gadasalli, 5 years, Kumaran's School

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$\sqrt{81} = 3^2$; $\sqrt{243} = 3^{\wedge}(5/2)$
$\sqrt{27} = 3^{\wedge}(3/2)$;
$\sqrt{(3^{\wedge}2 \times 3^{\wedge}(5/2))} \times 3^{\wedge}(3/2) =$
$3^{\wedge}([(2+(5+3)/2]/2) = 3^3 = 27$

QUOTE UNCODE
A man is not old as long as he is seeking something.

STRIKE OUT

T	A	B	S		B	U	M		I	M	P	S		
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FAST FIVE

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BULL'S EYE armen, amen, amin, emir, main, mane, mare, marine, MARINER, mean, mien, mine, miner, mire, name, ramie, ream, rearm, remain

RIDDLER
E. Oh say can you see, by the dawn's (e)arly light.

MENSA PUZZLE
To the 5. Start with the top left clockface and move clockwise around the others. The sum of the numbers pointed to by the hour and minute hand follows the sequence 3, 6, 9, 12 and 15.

QUICK

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STRIKE OUT

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2	4	6	9	1	3	5	7	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
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GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 7 + 8 + 8 = 28
Medium
9 + 2 − 3 / 2 = 4
Hard
4 x 9 / 3 − 9 = 3

LOOP

KAKURO

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How marvellous
Actor Kumail Nanjiani shared that he signed the dotted lines for six films for Marvel when he was cast as the superhero Kingo in 'Eternals'

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Tale of a super-shero

Huma Qureshi unveils her book

Bollywood actress Huma Qureshi unveiled her latest book, 'Zeba: An Accidental Superhero,' during the centenary celebrations of the India Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Srinagar on Sunday evening and described its story as one about "a female superhero who changes the world."

While speaking to the media at the event, the Gangs of Wasseypur actress expressed her happiness at being part of the occasion.

She said, "The India Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its centenary here. They invited me to launch my book, Zeba: An Accidental Superhero. I am so happy to be here... This book is about a female superhero who changes the world... Kashmir has so many stories, cultures, and folklore. It should be promoted..."

The book launch was attended by dignitaries, entrepreneurs, and literary enthusiasts.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Huma Qureshi's starrer Bayaan has been selected for the world premiere in the prestigious Discovery Section of the Toronto International Film Festival 2025, to be held in September.

Helmed by writer-director Bikas Ranjan Mishra, best known for his acclaimed feature film Chauranga, Bayaan is the only Indian film in the Discovery section. The movie was developed at Film Independent, Los Angeles, and is produced by Shiladitya Bora of Platoon One Films. — **ANI**

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Usiru on Aug 29

Usiru's trailer was unveiled by businessmen Sudhir Anand and Ram Santhani on Wednesday. The movie, based on the concept of how personal perception (what you have seen) and narratives (what is told) can be untrue but one can discern the truth with careful consideration, is bankrolled by Lakshmi Harish under the RSP Productions banner.

Panem Prabhakar debuts as director with this movie. Tilak Shekhar and Priya Hegde are the lead pair. Harish, the co-producer, plays a small character. Prabhakar said the cast and crew of the movie worked hard. "I am very happy with the dedication and passion of the team. The movie has turned out well. We gave importance to the content, and all the actors followed the script," said the director. He said the movie is about how a police officer saves his wife from an unknown person. Lakshmi Harish said many women had joined hands with her to bankroll this movie. "We agreed to bankroll this movie as the script was very interesting," she said.

Song unveiled

The team of Naanu Matthu Gunda is back with a sequel – Naanu Matthu Gunda 2. The song – Om Shivaya, Namo Shivaya – was unveiled at SRV Preview Theater at Malleswaram on Saturday. The song is sung by Vijaya Prakash while music director, actor, and director RP Patnaik has scored music. This lyric was written by Dr V Nagendra Prasad.

Naanu Matthu Gunda with comedy actor Shivaraj KR Pete in the lead and directed by Raghu Hassan was a big hit.

Now, Raghu Hassan is directing and producing the sequel. If all goes as per the plan, the movie is expected to arrive in theaters on September 5. Rakesh Adiga and Rachana Inder are the lead pair in the sequel.

Playback singer Vijaya Prakash, conveying best wishes to the cast and crew of the movie through a video, said he was very happy to sing a song under the guidance of music director RP Patnaik after a long gap.

Appreciating Raghu Hassan for his dedication, lyricist Nagendra Prasad said the movie has turned out well. "The director made an attempt to convey all emotions through the trailer," he said. Raghu Hassan said the movie went on floors in 2022 and it is scheduled for release shortly.

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